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May 5, 1961

Leo P. Carlin, Mayor
City of Newark
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mayor Carlin:

When I wrote to you on April 2, 1961, concerning your request that I consider reappointment to the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, my letter included the type of constructive recommendations which I felt you should expect from any representative of your administration. It was my sincere feeling that you expect to be informed of the activities of each area and agency for which you are responsible. When you convened a Planning Committee some several months ago, your farsighted attempt at developing a coordinated planning effort by your entire administration through an interchange of ideas and information between all departments, was laudable and demonstrated sound, sensible management practice. Of course, you expected and were not surprised at a difference in view point from a minority present at the initial conference.

My letter was written to furnish such information as I felt important enough to be brought to the attention of the Mayor, on whose Commission on Group Relations, I was privileged to serve.

You have not answered my letter. Therefore, I can only surmise that you have permitted my term of service on the Commission to expire. This is your proper privilege.

As a final act, as an outgoing member, may I bring to your attention, once again, three of the programs which were established during my tenure as Chairman, and urge that you seriously consider the continuance of such programs:

1. The First Annual Brotherhood Awards Program, to recognize those citizens of this city whose actions have demonstrated brotherhood in action.
2. The formation of a Clergy Advisory Committee for the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations. The enthusiastic support by the representatives of the religious faiths of this community is bound to have a beneficial, far-reaching affect for improved understanding in this community and may well serve as a model to be followed by many other communities.

3. The Speakers Program in which other Commissioners and myself have participated, not only in Newark, but in other cities, to inform others, not only of the activities of this Commission, but to publicize the support and stimulation which the Mayor of Newark provides. My most recent presentation was at a state-wide conference of Urban Pastors held in New Brunswick. A copy of the program is attached for your information.

In leaving the Commission, I would like to express my thanks to you, for having afforded me the opportunity of serving, and to Dan Anthony, your Executive Director, with whom I found myself involved many, many hours because of his dedicated service to the Commission and the Community.

It is my sincere and urgent hope that you will continue to support the Commission and show even greater tangible evidence of your interest by your efforts in making possible, at the earliest practicable date, the attainment of those minimum requirements of the Commission as outlined in my previous letter.

With proper, prompt attention to the needs of the Commission in these changing times, the City will continue to reflect favorably the successful "living together" of all its inhabitants. Without the constant attention and fully-staffed Commission, this peaceful "co-existence" may not be so easily accomplished.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER MARK